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WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 .- Two weeks, more r less, belong to the gay world of society beon devotions. So far the giddy whiri has not been had as giddy as compared with seasons. The week just passed has festive than its predecessors, but festivity was of the quiet, sensible sort, not over-taxing to mind or body except in iso-lated onses. The wife of a Senatur, who is one of the well-banneed women, declared at a party the other evening that the time had arrived when obe felt more like a chattering ot than a rational being.

'I're been on the go so constantly lately am absolutely flighty, and don't know what I'm taiking about. I find myself saying the weakest, most abourd nothings under the retence of talking. I don't believe I've utsensible remark in a week. I'm sure I an't recall one. But I hope my friends will be charitable and overlook this temporary loss of so fatal to society women. Nobody pretends to explain it, but all feel the effect, so universal on, of the make-believe gayety apent at every social gathering and so devoid

of spontaneous onjoyment."

There are to be two fashionable wed-lings on rch 3. Miss English, a daughter of Com-dore English, and Bussel Smith of Virginia are to be married, and Miss Lillian Coffer is to er John Chaw, the ceremony to take place at St. John's Church. Miss Coffey is a handblonds, well known in society, and the Chaw is a cierk in the State Department, and inquestioned ancestry. This marriage is terrations, having blood on the one side, oney on the other. It is said to be a reof an engagement which was broken a year ago by the young woman. The ruen maked of pining under the blow, and bravely tried again. His persistence

and have been rewarded.

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years, and since he has been in Cenas spent his winters at the Hamilton on and farmonious. In a crosses woman not more than 5:s the dresses. The crosses was of d, with sixur-inconded flowers, is low, but topied out, so to meantis-runfed value of white mult.

appeared in a court train of white sain del in silver thread over a petricost of sain. The front drappies were of point Batters, also suarsting with diamend a ars, inc. Mirs, Mahone's drass was very generic y consided to be the most complete in segment, and her diamends the finest period seen that night. Mrs. Mirshall O. Roberts's incresses maked pears, in sacrings and pendants from a dimbond necklace, were quite beyond any other diamay of pears. Herstofero the lower's worn by the indies of the Distomatic Corre bayes as a rate surpassed at others, but this season American wonon have gone for absent of Correligness in this respect. Miss Crocker of Carifornia, new called the richest American rich wore a necklace of very large diamonds, graduated in size, with one inmense diamond pendant. It is no wonder that diamond desires are flocking to the national capital, where every millionaire is sure to kring up aconer or later. A large edition of Miss Crocker's necklace has been emblished within a few days by a desire, who has been much advertised by the separt that this necklace was for the wife of a prominent official bone. The man goes to the botols, shows the necklace and a collection of rings, and simply drives the women wild with the desire for diamonds. He declares the pendant on this necklace to equal the Reference, the Queen's diamond is larger, but irregularly cut, while his is sensaler but period in form. The effect of the new furor-in diamonds on some owners of Ene jewals has been to put them in the it cases out of the public guze, while other women with diamonds are making an anamal diagrap of the precious stones.

These receptions more than filled the hears into the night. The early given by Secretary and Mrs. Endicect to the officers of the army and havy may be called a large and early one. Set the greats were more prominition as the great was thered by he and careched regions were crowded by he and careched regions were crowded.

the full dess uniforms of the all-ers. Secretary End bott received with his wife, who wore a dress of black settin such thread lace, with panels of black velvet embrordered in bright solors. Miss Endicent's dress was white satin and tule, trimmed with white and purple flags. The wife of Surgeon Baxter, with the faughters of Gens. Drum, Paul, and Reketts, Souredtea and checolate. In the drawing rooms were bords of red carnations, little of the valler, and hyarbrids. Among the few outside Jests were Secratury and Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Vice, Mrs. John A. Lagen and the Fanning, Mrs. John A. Lagen and the Fanning Mrs. John M. Lagen and the Fanning Mrs. John Harelew, Prof. Band. Miss Van Vechten, Mrs. Dartiel Lamont, Justice Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vart. Gen. Sherida was universally greeted with inquiries for 15 wife, who is now convaleability after a formachi of serious illness that for inventy-four hours threatened to prove final. Her improvement that brought back her invisand's send good spirits, and he said: "My wife is send good spirits, and he said: "My wife is send good spirits, and he said: "My wife is send good spirits, and he said: "My wife is send good spirits, and he said: "My wife the Brang who is Chairman of the Heuse Mittary Committee.

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No more conclusive evidence of the social progress made by the women suffrage advecates could be found than in the company at the Blegs House on Tueslay svenling at a reception in honor of Mrs. Station and Miss Anthony. There were senators and deaghters and an number of socialy people, who went later to the other parties. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Spellord, gave a handsome supper in the private dising room to some five boundred guests, who were invited by eard, Mrs. Stanton could not be present. Miss Anthony was the guest of honor, an she deserved to be, and her claret viewer reception dress, with trimmings of point lace, was an effective toilet. The day and evening sessions of the Suffrage Convention, closing on Friday, have been more than well attended. During the three evenings the Church of Our Father afforded standing room only to those not promptly on time. Miss Anthony asked for the mas of the Gengregationsist Church, but this was refused on the ground of mixing religion and politics. But it is well known that the church is let for all series of lectures, and has been quits the one place for the advocates of negro and Indian rights to hold forth arguments in favor of the Advancement of these races. Somebody said at the reception that evening: "Miss Anthory has made this suffrage movement respectable, honorable, and fashionable." This is true of Washington.

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Miss Kate Field comes to Washington on Monday for two days. Her lecture tour in the West has been sees to see that the Loyal Lection cerebrates Washington's Birthday on Monday evening with a reception and dinner at the Arlington. There are to be ladies in the company, and it will be similar to the party given three years ago at the same house.

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The latest opening of a new house was on Wednesday evening by Senator Palmer, who gave a dinner party to gentlemen in his handsome house on K street. On Thursday Mrs. Palmer held her first afternoon reception, assisbed by her guests, the Misses Sanborn, of Port Huron, Mich. The dining room of this bouse is the gent, is being the most basultful as well as most unique. The celling and much of the side walls are of solid polished mahogany. An immense chandelier is of beaten brass and colored ervetal. The walls of the drawing rooms are in neutral tints, in fern pattern, decorated on the plaster when soft, giving the apartment the appearance of heavily embossed leather. The cellings are a production of Italian fresco, and are very beautiful. The kitchens are in the top story, like all continental arrangements for cooking. The light in the dining room comes over the brick wall built by Senntor Palmer's neighbor. Mr. Lowry, It is a sort of half light, struggling above the brick, and this seems to be the only drawback to an otherwise perfect house. Senntor Palmer was compelled to build his stables in the rear of his house for lack of other ground. They were too near Mr. Lowry's back yard, so that a private citizen of a free republic built a wall to shut off the stables, and Sesator Palmer's dining room, too, His intentionate do this was announced in the remark: 'I'll build a wall as high as heaven and as deep as kell if there is no other way to get shut of Palmer's stables.'

On Monday the United Service Club gives the last german of the season. The wife of Succerary Whitney receives, and Lieut, Reany will had. On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Crugor Pell of New York, who occupy the Carroll house, give a bail.

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The bitzard sharoness of the high wind to-day did not prevent a large crowd from Miss Coveland's drawing room at the Waite House. There was a steady procession from Sto F. M. passing across the vestibule to the corridor and thence through the Red to the Bine Room, where the reception was held. The extra exit by the window, onened as a door, lacilitated the departure of the crowd. The three pariors were gas Ht, and the stringed orchestra furnished music. The visitors were in the main strangers, and largely ladies. Miss Cleveland crosted all most pleasantly. She were a dross of pale bine satin and ceru lace. Miss Van Veichen and Miss Lena Porter, daughter of Admiral Perley, received with her, and among the groups of victors in the Bine Boom, were the vives of the Cabinet officers, in reception bullets setting as other assistants. Mrs. John A. Logan had with her, and Mrs. Morris of

at the lunch yesterlay made their party colis to day.

Senstor and Mrs. Call gave a dinner last evening to ex-Senator and Mrs. Thurman.

The President on Friday evening next will glee a reception from 9 until 11 in honor of the officers of the army and havy, to mast whom the diplomatic corps. Congress, and the Judiciary are invited. As with the diplomatic corps' reception, the members of that body are invited through the Secretary of State, the Army and Navy by the Secretaries of War and Navy respectively, and the Judiciary by the Atthropy-General, No cards are issued for these locasions, and it is said that it is the wish of the President

of the Court of Cintms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Under a decision recently rendered in the Court of Claims some very curious cases are being submitted to the Pirst Auditor for his decision. Among others are those of paval officers who the coast survey. These officers drew their regular salaries as officers of the navy; but besides that they were allowed expenses as members of the Coast Survey. They submitted their actual expenses, and they were paid. But now comes this decision, which says that they are entitled to a mileage of ten cents per mile for the actual distance travelled.

A case or two are now under consideration of officers who went to California as long ago as 1857. They went by the Isthmus of Panama, and the distance travelled was ever 6,000 miles. By the decision they are entitled to something over \$500, while the sum they seked for and obtained thirty years ago was about \$500. They now want the other \$500.

There are recent claims that have been filed for wint was called price meney and "head" money for enpuring sivavers. According to the old law vessels that were captured on the high sons while bringing African shaves to this country were sed, and the money turned into the United States Treasury to be divided smong the officers and erew of the ship making the capture. This is known as prize money, and in addition to that \$15 per head was paid by the Government to the officers and erew for every slave that was taken. It is said that a large amount of this prize and lead maney was heaver element by the neople to whom it belonged. Finally a law was passed repealing such payments for all captures made prior to April 12. Isol. Some claimsting such many have of and discovered that they are entitled to balances, and are putting in their chains. It is a rate of the Treasury Department that the sames of persons who are entitled to balances, and are putting in their chains. It is a rate of the Treasury Department that the sames of persons who are entitled to balances, and are putting in their chains. It is a rate of the Treasury Department that the sames of persons who are entitled to be under the ships which made captures could be published. It is said that if the list of the officers and crews of some of the ships which made captures could be published a great many claimants would come to light who are now perfectly quiet. There is no appropriation from which to pay these claims, but when they are passed upon taverably they are a reasured contracts and special legislation assess upon them. A case or two are now under consideration of officers who went to California as long ago

worked all by himself for more than twenty years. He was satisfied if he got enough out of the ground to live on, and all that he was waiting for was a customer. This came at length in the form of an English capitalist who made to many an offer which was declined. Then the old miner was asked to set his price, and he fixed it at \$500,000. When the capitalists agreed to give this sum Grues raised to \$750,000, and so the dicker continued until Tommy was offered and sceepted \$1,600,000 for his lode. With this money he moved to Helena, and since then he has been living here quietly and preparing to enjoy himself.

The young lady who is to be his wife is Miss Carter. 24 years of age, a sister of a local attorney. She has been a hard-working dressmaker here for some time, and is highly respected to all. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Cruse will take an extensive trip in the East, and Tommy says he may go to Europe. It is reported that he heas settled \$600,000 on his bride, and that she is making extensive preparations to shine is the society to which her great wealth is expected to give her as entrance.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20, - "After I have been down three days I want you to open my grave, take the iid off the coffin, and turn my ace to the sun. There will be enough left be hind me to pay you for your trouble and to let This was the last injunction to Superintendent Emma Thompson, better known as Emma Jacobs, who, in her younger days, was the handsomest woman in Pulladelphia in form. feature, complexion, and dress, and also the most notorious. She died nearly three years

to execute her last wish.

When the earth had been removed from above the box the lid was lifted and the coffin raised and placed on the sod beside the grave. The solid wainut of the casket showed no signs of decay. The silver plate bore the inscription:

MRS. EMMA THOMPSON, Died Avg. 27, 1883, Aged 78 years.

In the casket was outlined the form of a tall and finely proportioned woman, clothed in a plain black shroud, which showed no signs of decay. The dead woman's request having been compiled with as near as it could be, the

been compiled with as near as it could be, the lid was replaced and the coffin again lowered into the grave.

Wilson Pennington, a representative of the largest shippers of hides at the Chicago stock yards, residing at 647 Gaiden street, in that city, has in his possession a pair of slippers made from tambed human skin, its identity has been established to his satisfaction by the promised affidiavits of two physicians who three years ago were students at Jefferson College, this city. These students had bargained for the body of Louna Jacobs for dissecting purposes, and received what purported to be her body. The skin was removed, its pieces of it were handed around to their friends as souvenirs. Mr. Pennington only last week paid \$20 for the taining of a piece of this skin, which, it is now shown, could not have been taken from the body of Emma Jacobs, as the exhumation of her remains on Friday proved that they had been undisturbed.

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Emma Jacobe was born in Lancaster city in 1805, of poor German parents. From habyhood Emma was perverse, and though she early developed a procedous intelligence, through her own perversity and her parents' petting she was permitted to grow up in those days of primitive school privileges with no attempt at education. Self-willed by nature, her waywardness grew with her growth, until tenfore sine had lived through her teens she threw off even the shadow of parental restraint and early in the twenties came to Philadelphia. In her inter years she was wont to charge her downial to the machinations of James Buchanan, then a member of the State Legisature, who subsequently entered Congress, and whose after public career was in the United States Senate and the diplomatic service of the Government as its highest representative in the Courts of the Czar and St. James's, ending in the Presidential chair. This charge, however, was never mails until after the death of the distinguished statesman. A brother and sister deing at the time of the Woman's death denied any knowledge of it. That the most popular candidate for the Presidency who was ever defeared, as wall as United States Senators, Congressmen, and State legislators, sued for her favor in the years of her greatest beauty is well remembered by the older residents of the neighborhood of Sixth and Cherry streets, where she lived during witnesses. Her beauty is well remembered by the older residents of the neighborhood of Sixth and Cherry streets, where she lived during witnesses. Her beauty is well remembered beautiful and enhanced by a complexion which stood the severe test of time and even the drinking habits of her later years, Her presence was regal, her form superb, her features beautiful and enhanced by a complexion which stood the severe test of time and even the drinking habits of her later years. Her for material intelligence and sirrewiness was far above the average.

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From prehistoric days people living on the place their dwellings in convenient position for their boats, and have used spiles, driven into the edges of the lakes, for the foundations of their dwellings, which were at once houses and wharves. On the banks of Lake Mara-callo, in Venezuela, are several of these villoges, and they are to be found in obscure places in Asia and on the west coast of Africa.

Taking the Shell Beach ours from New Orleans and passing through a fair and fertile country, by the aucient battlefield where Jack country, by the ancient battlefield where Jackson won his laurels, whose long line of fortifications repaired by the Confederates may still be seen, you reach in an hour the shores of Lake Borgne. There is a fine new club house here, owned by the Hunting and Fishing Club, containing sleeping rooms cought to accommodate half the club at once. From the observatory of the club house can be seen with a strong glass what looks like a cluster of low huts away on the distant curve of the take shore. This is the Malay village of lake dwellers.

There is an hotel here, too, kept by an old Spanish Creole and his wife, a shy, slender, brown girl with bare feet and a calleo sun bonnat of immeasurable death of tunnel, and a dim obscurity down in its depins in which her big dark eyes look soft and standowy. They big dark eyes look soft and shadowy. They keep a pet alligator about the piace, tied to a stake, and inclined to be extremely open with strangers, who pat him on the head and whistle to him. He rolls one wieked small eye, lift a his upper lid and shuts it again with a bang that is unpleasantly emphatic. There is a softmry pelican, too, with clipped wings and an extremely reserved disposition, whose bill the hotel keeper, with an eye to deceration and exquisite therian tasts, has pointed a vivid green. A long pier runs out from the hotel and hundred yards into the lake, where a hoat may be hired to go anywhere, even to the Maiay willage, though the little Fronch beatman wards you they, the Maiars, are not sociable, and are kmentably careless in the use of the knits. The village is an hour's sail across the curve

The village is an hour's sail across the curve of the lake, and there in the brown, occy marsh, away from any human labitation, with only the flat, din horizon it sight, is this primeval phase of civilization. A sleepy, crawling bayou runs through the village, and the water marks on the piles tell how high the tide rises at certain seasons, so that they are surrounded entirely by water in the sering. Just low a little carse grass pricks through the sliny earth, leprous with sail residuant from the tides, and swarms of derce, blondthirsty mosquitoes rise in clouds as feet wading through the mud disturb them. There are eight nouses here, built up on piles ten feet bigh, and made of hewn timbers roughly put together and admitting air and light evely where through the crevices. They are oblong squares divided into three rooms, with fatten shutters hung on leather hinges, and no door to any doorway, except the one that leads to the rude, unrouled gallery. The houses are mostly about 30 feet long by 18 wide, and some six or eight men occury each one. Almost all of the men are away fishing at the moment, but an ancient weather-beaten party greats us civilly enough in a sort of largest small, difficult to understand life. by the older residents of the neighborhood of sixth and Cherry streets, where she lived during her career of haif a centary. Her prosence was regal, her form superto, her features beautiful and enhanced by a complexion which stood the severe test of time and even the drinking habits of her later years. Her dress was always rich and in perfect taste, her wit was keen, and through she was deficient in the graces of acquired education, her matural intelligence and shrewdness was far above the accordant end of the most of her bounty in He, her friend in death, and heir to a portion of her trinkels and a memory rich in reminiscence, is still living near the scene of her greatest conquests. This old-time friend, who read and wrote for her the letters which she received and sent remembers the natograph letter sent by Henry Chay to the emissantess, accompanying a portrait now in the possession of one of the most prominent and elequent peradical at the lar, and has achieved be comparative powerty of her early days in this city lends to reduce her claim to the distinct to reduce her claim to the distinct the comparative powerty of her early days in this city lends to reduce her claim to the distinct the community to make the community. No woman is allowed within its borders. There is a legend at the Smell leach that smell elegend at the Smell leach that once, yearnous for the sweet an engal at the Smell leach that once, yearnous for the sweet an engal at the smell leach that once, yearnous for the sweet an engal at the smell leach that once, yearnous for the same that the smell leach that once, yearnous for the smell leach that once, yearnous for the smell leach that once, yearnous for the same that the smell leach that once, yearnous for the smell head that once, the most include the smell leach that once, yearnous the smell perfect the leach that he smell leach that once, yearnous the smell perfect the smell perfect that he smell leach that once, yearnous that the smell leach that leach that instanting for the smell he

The solo any assemble Removing with an original sort of eart, of which there are only twenty-seven in the pack, all of them quite unlike the earth in general use. This, with a game seemsthing like the "old horse" of children, forms the occupation of all their idle thours. They have no religion apparently, and if crime is committed among them who knows?

street early in .: Tuesday morning with his skuil fractured, was tourdered, and will make on the offices and cover for every stave of this print and these months in the offices and these months and print of the property and the months in the control of the property of the property of the control of the property of the a very thorough examination of the fasts at the inquest rext Tuesday. A letter received by him from E. W. Fratt, who is employed at the

terday afternoon over an authentic statement that President F. B. Gowen of the Philadelphia and Reading Railread had purchased all the securities of that company that were held by the conclusion that Mr. Gowen has secured a considerable advantage over the syndicate which proposes forcorganize the Reading com-panies upon a business-like basis. It was also inferred by the street that the transactions meant that the Vanderbilts were in sympathy with Mr. Gowen's efforts to take the Reading property from the hands of the receivers upor about the same basis as he has done bereto fore. His last effort was accomplished by issuing deferred bonds, a security that comes after the stock, and was unknown before Mr. Gowen's experiment.

Mr. Chaunesy M. Depew is authority for the

statement that the Vanderbilts are in sympa-thy with the Drezel. Morgan & Co. coni-road syndicate, although they are not members of it. Their stock has, it is said, been sold because they did not care to take sides in the controversy that may ensue between Mr.

controversy that may ensue between Mr. Gowen and the syndicate, and also because they did not ears to hold the steck and pay the assessment that will have to be paid upon it in any event.

The most trustworthy information is that the holdings purchased by Mr. Gowes do not exceed 70,000 shares, for which 25 per cent, or \$12.50 a share, as it is half stock, was paid, Mry Mr. Gowen bought is not elear. Some speculators are used to the stock of the result of the stock of the result of the stock of the result of the stock, but if there is any advantage to be gained by holding a majority, it is hardly probable that the Vandernit interest would discriminate in a trade against the Drexel-Norgan syndicate. This view is tassed upon the intimate relations between the two in the West Shore deal. Mr. Gowen, when questioned about the matter yesterday, said:

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Gowen, when questioned about the matter yesterday, said:

I made public statements in my circular asking for proxies in my speech at the Academy of Musio in Putiandephina and in my remarks at the annual meeting of the Reading shareholders. Everything I have said I mean to perform. I have said that I am going to get all the money I want, and will bring the Roading out in good shape. I repeat that statement now, and have nothing more to say until I say If over my own signature.

Mr. Gowen decined to tell how much stock he had bought or the price to had paid for it.

There are some people in Wall street who say they believe that Mr. Goven is working with the syndicate, and that he has made this deal in its interest about ha he won hame with an eye in its interest and in his own name with an eye to the effect on the stock market.

PENNSYLVANIA AND B. AND O. The report that the Pennsylvania and Balti-The report that the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Onlo roads are about to come to an
acrosment on New York business was revived
yesterdry in the Palladolphia newspapers, and
consequently in this city. Efforts to reconcile
the two companies have been made and are
still being made, but so far as can be learned
here nothing definite has been agreed upon.
The report that the Baltimore and Ohio has
decided to give up its Staten Island terminus
is beginning to obtain publicity in provincial
towns. The Baltimore and Ohio has purchased
control of the property on Staten Island and towns. The indimore and Ohio has burch control of the property on Staten Island guaranteed the fixed charges upon it ninety-nine years, and from the efforts making to throw a bridge over Arthur K looks as if it proposed to use the property.

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The agents of the transcontinental ratiroads began to reduce their schedule freight intesty externave to the figures that have been coverily made for a long time. All the ado possible y made for a long time. All the ado possible was made over the matter, because the several companies are conscious that they are not doing any very serious business, but flighting for a principle in the eyes of the public. Freight rates have been demoralized for months, and probably will not be made much lower in reality than they have been.

It was said resterday on good authority that fresh effects to referre the transcontinental pool had been made by the exemitive officers of the leading companies, licentric wors published yesterday that the interest of the Northern Pacific in the transcontinental pool was over \$1.000.000 a year. It is about \$400.000, of which nearly one-third goes to the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, which completes its route to the Pacific coast.

THE FORT HAMILTON MYSTERY.

District Attorney Bidgway Relieves Potes Busses was Murdered. District Attorney Ridgway of Brooklyn says that within a few days at most he will have in custody a man who bethinks murdered Peter Hansen in the Hamilton House. Fort Hamilton, on Jan. 16. It was asserted by occupants of the house that Hansen committed suicide. A mystery about the case, however, used could not be found. Robert Hamlin wil bo a witness as to the character of the house He was a soldier at Fort Hamilton. He says that Hansen's presence interfered with the kind of business curried on in the house. Since Hansen's death Hamlin has received his discharge from the army.

On Printer the Grand Jury of Kings county

Fravis, and another sister. Mary times, with keeping a disorderly house. Its. Hansen and Mrs. Travis were arrested early yesterday moraling. Mary Runssay has not been arrested but it is expected that she with he in custody before leng. It is from her that the District Atterney anticipates getting the most innortant testificary arrainst the man who he things is guilty of murder in the first degree.

PLANS OF THE NATIONALISTS. Great Britain to be Isformed of the Ultimotum of the leish People.

To the Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- The Irish party will hold a meeting at the Cannon Street Hotel in this city on St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Paraell will preside. The object of the meeting will be to issue to England the ultimatum of the Irish people concerning home rule. As the date selected for this event precedes Mallette, who was found in West Twenty-first | by but five days the 22d of March, the date set by Mr. Glads'one for the commencement of the Government's work on Irish logislation, legislation, Government's work on Irish logislation, it is believed that the Nationalist leader means to dore a crisis on the home rule question. Mr. Parnell has also arranged to have his pathled fly meatings throughout fround share the difference with the one he will preside over.

The United Aberdeen, the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, made his state entry into Dubin to-thy. There was no standay of flass by the extrems, as assailon such occasions, and his lordship was but little elected. A body of students, which was following the vice-regal procession, was attacked by a crowd at one pertion of the route, and an encounter encued, during which some of the students were wounded.

Legal Proceedings Against Punch. LONDON, Feb. 20. - The Socialist leaders have LANGON, Feb. 29.—The Sometiest lenders may appried to a net to have the edito and the publishers of Panch committee for contented of court for attempting in axion makes religious sector forms. Hypometic thannous upper Wittensen while the latter were still not their observations are upon the flately expense.

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Cheap Telephone Service to Indiana.

Indianapolis, Feb. 20.-The Supreme Court to day affirmed the decision of the Merica County, Criminal Court in the case of the State agt John E. Hooket, the issues involved relating to the law reducing the rentale of telephonics in the State from 40 to 50 a month, with a corresponding reduction for services to other towas. The decision is that the live is constitutional, and that the extra charges a core of an incompanion of the companion of the companion of the companion of the companion of the core of the

Nokwicz, Conn., Feb. 20,-Charles C, Haskell,

James G Bindne's publisher, prived in this city last evening with a bound copy of the second volume of "Twenty Verse of Congress" is will be ready for de-livery in a few days, and it is not will prove of for exceler integral from the Seat village.

COD MAION IN CONTROLLOUS

FRW HAVER, Peb. 19.-There are more opinatore to the square wile in New Fagland than in any other part of the Union. Statistics prove it. Connecticut has a provata allotment. Thrice blossed indeed is the girl whose quali ties of mind and person are attractive enough to win their owner a hesband, for it must b admitted that Connecticut young men don' want to marry, at least at home. The average young man here leaves home at an early ago He goes to the cities for business. At homthere is little to keep him unless he wants to settle down on a farm or take ents are well off he receives a good boarding school education, and perhaps he postpone all thoughts of matrimony until he has won a lacrative practice at his profession and that takes years of patient toil, especialty in this land of professional men. While their brothers flock to the cities the girls stay at home to amuse and perfect themselves as beet they can. The advent of a desirable young and when he does come, young ladies of a mar-riageable age, and some that are not, at once put on their winningest smile, their most at proved manners, and their best fitting gowns leentre marriageble young men don't come b

Connecticut every day, and the girls knew it. The boys that do stay at home as a rule are practically penniless, and can hope for no better cesslition until many rears have passed.

The rosult is that young tadies in this state flad themsalwas suddenly getting old. They retire from the little world of village society, stay at home more, and when they do appear at a party it is not to dance, but to leok on. Such a life is productive of that type commonly called "old maid," and in this State it is a big class.

Tork or Pittsbargh of Chicago, Society people here denoter this condition of affairs, but cannot very well remody it. College widows, heroines of from ten to a dozen seasons, are numerous. They have talked the same subjects and said the same things to the society men of all classes long before Yare won her first eight-oared race. Conversation must needs be conflued to narrow limits, because the average Yalensian is full to the brim with his college and all things pertaining to it. Young indies in the college circle attend the college aromans and balls and recoptions and assemblies, and have exactly the same sort of time as when they went with their present partner's hig bother or cousin, now a beau among the belies of some big city. And so it goes year in and year out. Sometimes a level-headed parent will send his deagher away from such handleapping surroundings teapend a winter in the metropois, there tog ice her a chance to work her charme in some new social world. Sometimes this move is a good one, and sometimes it isn't. At the summer reserts also the New Haven cirl goes and makes a good showing, but no catch. Then, again, New Haven young men, not excepting these in the best society, are not overleaded with money, and that is sometimes the girls here, as everywhere, want. Fancy salaries are not earned here over out of the richest and company traces in the best scenary, are not overleaded with money, and that is something the
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are not earned here even out of the richast and
longest established companies. Fathers, too,
however rich they may be, are not overgenorous with their sons, of whiem they require a
rigid economy, both in business and society
that is born of Yankee training. The gilded
youth of New Haven of course have their vices,
but they are of an inexpensive kind. A young
men here can't cut much of a figure among his
follows on \$1.500 a year. There are no clubs
here that recognize test living and open up
avenues for the encouragement of such folly.
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such as Gettysburg, where he repelled Pickett's charge, and the struggle at Spottsylvania on the 12th of May, 1864, when Loc's lines were broken and nearly the entire division of Edward Johnson was cantured by Hancock's corps. Huccock and Johnson had been co-officers in the old Sixth Infantry before the war between the sections, and were tenderly attached to each other. Their methods of fighting were alike in flerce assumit or desperate resistance. When Johnson was captured by Hancock's command he was in the trenches with his men.

After his surrender, and the flerce stranggle for the famous "salient" of Spottsylvania was over, Johnson and Hancock at down together on a log in friendly citat in full view of the weary but victorious vebrans of the Second Corps. It was upon that day that Gen. Loc felt the fortunes of his army to be so scriously threatened that he headed a Texan brigade, detarmined to lead it in the charge he had ordered—a purrose which he was with difficulty included to abandon by the troops, who acauted him that they would light better, if they know his life was not exposed. Hancock's great victory was achieved over his friendship. In 1895, some time before Hancock's nomination for President, Gen. Johnson, in his inet illines, bequenched to the Union sodior his swert, given to him by the State of Virginia for galancy in the Mexican war. Virginia gave similar tokens of her admiration to Gens. Windfeld Scott and George B. Thomas, who, ke Edward Johnson, were Virginians. The sword was delivered to Gen. Hancock and Hooner Barrett, now of the Barrett House, New York. According to the directions of a brother of tien. Johnson, since deceased, conveyed in a letter to Gen. Hancock, the sword was heaver to go into the possession of others than Hancock's incul heirs.

THE NEW COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. It will be Bigand Convenient but Not Ornate or Pireprosf.

Architect William Wheeler Smith has filed plane in the Sunning Sureau for the new Gollege of Physicians and Surganes building which is to be special in Fifty similaries topposite Rosewish Haspital out of the money given by William II. Vanderidit for the ont of the meany given by William II. Vanderddit for the purpose. The rest of the building will be \$255,000. If will be a full in the relative of the building will be \$255,000. If will be full in the present of the history and the state of the present of the history and the first that the state of the T which is to be a full be to be a full in the formation of the first in the full will be first which and the feet into a maintaing the depth of the first of the front and the full being and the first into the purpose, the shark proper, that is, the speciation of the front and rear building, with centeria a letter and a building with the full beater in the first floor of the front hundring will be the faculty room, the both room, and entry to me. The corresponding floor of the frest building will be devoted to a inhoratory and kindred purposes. In the second floor, front building, will be the anatomical collection and the professor's rooms, and make a full content from the first floor. In the first of the first state of the first state of the first state of the first state. It is the state floor of the first state of the first state. It is the state floor of the first state o

The Archur Lill Bridge.

Washington, Pab. 20 .- The sub-committee of the second Committee of Commerce to day agreed to report favorably the bill to an instanting to day agreed to a billing across the states loss of control. The bill proposes that "it shall be lawful" for the states I chard Ramit Transit Company and the fail, in re and New York Labract Company and the fail in re and New York R aircoad Company of either to con-struct a radicad bridge servors the Arthur Kid, with Scare in the draw tool less them their feet which in the close on each side of the contral loved and thirty-two feet above her warder mark. The plans of the bridge and its location are subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

8. Houngberg was on the Carde.

The body of a man of 35 was taken from the Sorte River resterday at the foot of Forty fifth street. A silver watch, 55.55, and some cards bearing the name of R. Beenberg watch found on it. B. Rosenberg, a cigar desider who lives at 656 West Fartisch street, wowed the body has night, but could not identify it. It was sent to file Borgus.

WHO ARE THE BEST WAITERS

A RICH OPSERVER SAYS WEN PROM LOYDON LEAD THE LIST.

The Colored Was Next-The Irisbura Willy,

"What sort of people produce the best waiters?" was neked of a gentleman who had travelled the wide world over, and who thought I should unhesitatingly award the palm to

you find him attending to the guests in a rec-taurant, he is the king of waiters. He seems 'to the manner born.' He will take a dozen orders and make no mistake in any of them. He never looses his head, however great may He knows precisely the course he has to pursue, and he pursue it calmir, allowing no extranscens circumstance to turn him from it. or to confuse or worry him in the least. A great many abuse him, as some guests will abuse the best of waiters at any time and on general principles, but the true London waiter cares nothing for the abuse. I doubt if he hears it. He only hears the order. He makes no reply, for he knows he is not there for that purpose. The habit of expecting 'tips' he probably leaves behind him when he quits London, for 'tipping' is a rank weed that has pever taken much root anywhere else. He works rapidly, correctly, and with very little noise, and the secret of his success may be summed up in four words. He loves his work. This seems singular, and perhaps he will hardly believe it himself, but he finds it out quickly when he turns to any other occupation.
"I rank the colored man of America next to the Londoner as a waiter, but I look upon him as a poor second. He, too, takes kindly to his

business, and has a keen and accurate memory for a multiplicity of orders. But he has three seedsally is graining fanits. He is not under pressure, to get excited and even angre; he won't stand abuse, morited or unmerited, and he roars like a built of Bashan as he discharges from his meant emissed, the etring of orders he has received. These alone would place him many degrees below the bondoner, and, in addition, he is, as a rule, far has oldging. The Londoner is a wars willing to take an order, even though he is most attending upon the table from which it is given. He watches his opportunity, and reponts it to the water, whose duty it is to take it to the kitchen, and no vexations daily occurs. The colored man won't do that. He may be quite idle, and chose to the impational gray the may be quite idle, and chose to the impational training to each other and comparing notes at every opportunity, and se may mil to see a quest take his seal—and there are few things a handry hurried man distices more than afficulty in attracting a waiter's attention. Also, they are prone to differing gradutions advices.

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HANCOCK AND SOUTHERN SOLDIEUS.

His Meeting on the Harriefeld with his Old Friend, Confederate Ges. Jourson.

Gen. Hancock's nomination at Cincinnation 1880 was largely accomplished by the enthusiasm of the Southern delegates in his behalf. The South admired Hancock as it did few Union officers, despite his association with great successes over the Confederate forces. other guests may pine, and starve and lan-guish until the favored one is served and southed and talked to."

> A NEW WAY TO COLLECT BAD DEBTS. The Elmira Uniformed Collection Company's Method of Bulng Bachicas.

HORNELLSVILLE, Feb. 20 .- "We intend to make life very pleasant for the man who ewes small bills around this town that he is able to pay but won't," said W. H. Reynolds, manager for Steuben county of the Elmira Uniformed Collection Company. "We are in the field to collect accounts from just such customers, and if there is one who doesn't come down after we have turned all our batteries on him, he's a men that dynamite wouldn't rattle. "The way the Uniformed Collection Company

works is this: Such persons as desire our services become subscribers to our plan, and pay a fee or bonus of \$1. We furnish each subscriber with blanks which he fills out and sands to his desimpuent debtors, with a statement of their accounts. The black is simply a request for them to remit the amount, with the declaration that if they do not their cases will be turned over to the Uniformed Collection Company. When the company receives a case a collector is sent at once to the debtor to solicit pryment of the amount due. If he still refuses to pay, we send another collector, who we are a striking uniform, with the word Collector in very destinct letters on the band of his hat. This collector visits the debtor three successive days at his house or place of business. If the third visit does not result in obtaining the maney, the collector words, Collector of Bad Debts. His orders are to call on the debtor daily and demand payment of the claim or claims against him. These calls soon attract the attention of the heighlers and become the talk of the town. It has not to be a case-hardened old pensioner in the confidence of his butcher and baker and candiscick maker who can boildly face more than half a dozen calls from the gentleman with the sugressive hatband, and the consequence is that an arrangement satisfactory to the ctalitor is a ways effected. We charge the creditor is a ways effected in the entitle of the called of the case may be, and everybody is happy but the stilled of collecting bad debts is no experiment. We have tried it in a hundred different places, and never lost a case yet. The system originated in Ganada. We have had everal collectors to our men aspect that, and assume all such risks when they enter our employ to his desinquent debtors, with a statement of their accounts. The blank is simply a request

William H. Messervey died in Salem, Mass., on Friday night, after a long illness. He was born in Salem in 1812, and on attaining his majority went to St. Louis. In 1837 he left there with the first party of white men to cross the plains, and engaged in the general murchandles business in Chibushua. N. M. On the breaking and of the Nestman was the entered the service. Was constanted by the Maximan, and held as a prisoner for all must the latter than the control of Territorial secretary. In became, by the death of Gov. Merritorial secretary, he became, by the death of Gov. Merritorial secretary, and for four months he served as Governor. Secretary, and also dovernment somerint-adent of Indian Offsics. In 18th he returned to Salem, and was elected Mayor in 1856-57. He was quite a noted particula secarce in the campaign of 1860. Richard layer, a retired coal merchant died on Friday at 111 Cipmer street Brocklyn, aged 85.

Took the Navel Institute Prise.

Annapolits, Feb. 20. - The Naval Institute prise of \$100, a good medal and life memorrains, for the test essent for 1888, has been awarded to Licett O. O. Uniting now secretary on logarithe Training at the Asiatic Station. The subject of Training the White thanges in Organization and Drift or Necessary to sail and Fight Must Effected on War sings of the Latest Type.